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INS/CO AND THE DEPARTMENT SEND:

1. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS AND SPECIFIC
PROCEDURES, WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY THE AMERICAN

COUNCIL OF VOLAGS AND THE CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, SHOULD GOVERN THE ADMISSION OF INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES 17 YEARS AND YOUNGER WHO ARE NOT ACCOMPANYING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS APPROVED FOR PAROLE TO THE U.S. OR JOINING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES. (SEPTEL WILL DEAL WITH NON-BOAT CASE MINORS IN CAMPS IN THAILAND).

2. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A. RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. FOR UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AMONG THE INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEE POPULATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS WITH A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF WHAT AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE IS IN THE BEST INTEREST

OF THE UNACCOMPANIED MINOR.

B. PRIMARY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MAINTAINING FAMILIAL OR PERSONAL TIES WHICH THE UNACCOMPANIED MINOR MAY HAVE WITH OTHER REFUGEES. THE DESIRE OF THE FAMILIES OR FRIENDS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE UNACCOMPANIED MINOR SHOULD BE VERIFIED IN THE ASSESSMENT.

C. MINORS HAVING FAMILIAL (OTHER THAN IMMEDIATE) OR PERSONAL TIES WITH REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE RESETTLED IN THE U.S. MAY BE PAROLED WITH THESE FAMILY UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBERS OR FRIENDS. WHENEVER POSSIBLE THE MINOR SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE EXTENDED FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO THE U.S. THOSE BOAT CASE MINORS WITH NO ATTACHMENTS MAY ALSO BE PAROLED IF NOT ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY FOR RESETTLEMENT.

3. JOINT VOLAG REP AT EACH TEMPORARY ASYLUM COUNTRY WILL PROPOSE TO REFUGEE OFFICER THOSE CASES WHICH APPEAR TO WARRANT PAROLE, AND IF REFOFF CONCURS, CASE WILL BE PROPOSED TO INS CIRCUIT RIDER OR DIDIR INS/HK FOR FINAL DECISION.

4. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING THE ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OF THOSE MINORS APPROVED BY INS FOR PAROLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE UNACCOMPANIED MINORS WILL BE SPONSORED BY ONE OF THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES NOW ASSISTING THE IPP.

B. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL RESETTLEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, THE SPONSORING AGENCY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE UNACCOMPANIED MINOR IS MOVED INTO EXISTING

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS IN HIS STATE OR RESIDENCE SO THAT HE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAME SERVICES AND PROTECTION THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO AMERICAN CHILDREN IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

C. IN ALL INSTANCES, THE SPONSORING AGENCY WILL ARRANGE TO MEET LOCAL STATE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LEGAL CUSTODY AND TO ARRANGE FOR FOLLOW UP SERVICE BY AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

5. ACTUAL ADMISSION OF CHILD INTO US WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JVR PRESENTS REFOFF WITH SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCE, AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION IS COMPLETED. THE MINOR WILL COME TO THE U.S. UNDER CATEGORY IV OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM. VANCE
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